

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD**, on January 11, 2007 at 1:30 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 15, HB 44, HB 66, HB 89, HB 136,
1/9/2007
Executive Action: None

00:00:37 Chairman Sinrud
00:49:46 Rep. Dave Kasten

HEARING ON HB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:46 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 136, Death benefit for beneficiary due to active duty death.

Proponents:

00:05:05 John Bohlinger, Montana's Lieutenant Governor
00:07:12 Brig. General Stan Putnam, Asst. Adjutant General,
Army, for Montana National Guard

EXHIBIT(aph07a01)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:36 Lieutenant Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Attorney for
Montana National Guard

EXHIBIT(aph07a02)

EXHIBIT(aph07a03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:55 Chairman Sinrud
00:16:08 Col. Moran
00:16:42 Chairman Sinrud
00:16:57 Col. Moran
00:17:35 Rep. Penny Morgan
00:18:18 Staffer Jon Moe
00:18:53 Rep. Jack Wells
00:19:32 Staffer Jon Moe
00:19:47 Rep. Wells
00:20:03 Rep. Dave Kasten
00:20:26 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh
00:20:53 Col. Moran
00:21:53 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:22:03 Staffer Jon Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:46 Rep. Milburn

HEARING ON HB 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:22 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 15, Fund identity theft education prevention and enforcement.

Proponents:

00:25:33 Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director Dept of Justice
00:28:35 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana Advocacy Director
00:30:29 Janet Harper, Director Government Relations, Montana Credit Union Network
00:31:26 Matthew Dale, Director Office of Consumer Protection, Department of Justice

EXHIBIT (aph07a04)

00:34:05 Steve Yeakel, Executive Director, Montana Independent Bankers, also speaking for Steve Turkewitz, Montana Bankers Association

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:39 Rep. Ray Hawk
00:36:05 Mr. Fasbender
00:38:08 Rep. Hawk
00:38:19 Larry Fasbender
00:39:05 Rep. Penny Morgan
00:39:37 Mr. Fasbender
00:41:13 Rep. Bill Glaser for Rep. Joey Jayne
00:41:58 Mr. Yeakel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:36 Rep. Keane

Additional Questions from Committee Members:

00:44:27 Rep. Bill Beck
00:44:45 Rep. Keane
00:45:04 Chairman Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:47 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 44, Remove references to school bond contingency
loan fund.

Proponents:

00:48:21 Paul Christofferson, Administrator Financial Services
Division

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:16 Rep. McChesney

00:50:56 Rep. Hawk

HEARING ON HB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:17 Rep. Ray Hawk (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 66,
Establish fund for fire suppression costs.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:05 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph07a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:21 Rep. John Musgrove

00:56:59 Rep. Rick Ripley

00:57:22 Rep. Bill Glaser

00:59:35 Barbara Smith

01:00:39 Rep. Glaser

01:01:05 Rep. Kasten
01:01:44 Barbara Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:48 Rep. Hawk

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:59 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 89, Statutory appropriation for federal flood
control payments.

Proponents:

01:05:02 Paul Christofferson, Administrative Financial Division,
Department of Administration

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:02 Chairman Sinrud question
01:06:59 Mr. Christofferson
01:07:06 Rep. Janna Taylor
01:07:33 Mr. Christofferson
01:08:03 Rep. Ray Hawk
01:08:33 Mr. Christofferson
01:08:58 Rep. Glaser requested a Fiscal Note

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:27 Rep. McChesney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:45 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph07aad.pdf](#))